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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
PROGRAM FOR UNDER-SERVED INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) The Bureau of Rehabilitation Services of the
2 Department of Social Services may receive state and federal funds to
3 administer, within available appropriations, an employment
4 opportunities program to serve individuals with the most significant
5 disabilities who do not meet the eligibility requirements of supported
6 employment programs administered by the Departments of Mental
7 Retardation and Mental Health and Addiction Services. For the
8 purposes of this section, "individuals with the most significant
9 disabilities" means those individuals who (1) have serious employment
10 limitations in a total of three or more functional areas including, but
11 not limited to, mobility, communication, self-care, interpersonal skills,
12 work tolerance or work skills or (2) will require significant ongoing
13 disability-related services on the job in order to maintain employment.

14 (b) The employment opportunities program shall provide extended
15 services, as defined in 34 CFR 361.5(b)(20), that are necessary for
16 individuals with the most significant disabilities to maintain supported

17 employment. Such services shall include coaching and other related
18 services that allow participants to obtain and maintain employment
19 and maximize economic self-sufficiency.

20 (c) The Department of Social Services shall adopt regulations, in
21 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the
22 provisions of this section.

23 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish the employment opportunities program for under-served individuals with disabilities.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]